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1. On 24 January 1954, Camp Zeithain was occupied by 1,000 to 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. At about 3:30 p.m. on 24 January, T-34/85 tanks   left the camp toward Riesa and, at about 10 a.m. on 27 January, 6 rocket launchers   left toward Grossenhain. At about 10:45 a.m. on 27 January, a column of 8 trucks   towing 8 x 122-mm field howitzers, 8 trucks, guns; and 8 trucks   towing 8 x 76.2-mm AT   towing 8 x 57-mm AT guns proceeded toward Grossenhain, coming from the direction of Riesa.

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2. At about 6:30 p.m. on 23 January, 10 T-34/85 tanks   3 armored scout cars   4 trucks, each occupied by 15 to 20 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying full field pack; and 1 jeep were seen leaving the Von-der-Goltz Kaserne in Riesa toward the Zeithain troop training grounds.

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1. Comment. The tank units of the 9th Tank Div observed on 23 and 24 January are fairly definitely believed to have conducted winter firing practices at the Zeithain training grounds. The rocket launcher and artillery units of the 9th Tank Div which, on 27 January, moved toward Grossenhain either went to Koenigsbrueck for firing practices or conducted exercises outside of the training areas.

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